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Herpes Zoster: It's worse and better than you thought.

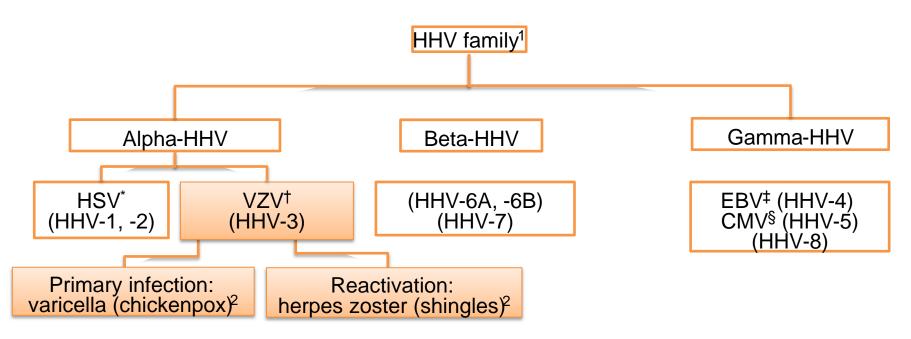
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## **Objectives**

- Review patho—physiology of herpes zoster (HZ)
- Review incidence and risk factors of HZ
- Review burden of HZ
- Review HZ recurrences
- Review prevention using HZ vaccine



# **Human Herpesviruses (HHV)**



\*HSV = herpes simplex virus

§CMV = cytomegalovirus

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<sup>†</sup>VZV = varicella zoster virus

<sup>‡</sup>EBV = Epstein Barr virus

#### HZ is common and burdensome

- 1 in every 3 people will develop HZ during their lifetime <sup>1</sup>
- People living to age 85 years, have a 1 in 2 chance of developing HZ
- Both the incidence and the complication rates of HZ increase with age <sup>1</sup>
- HZ causes a significant burden for affected individuals



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## **Diagnosis of Zoster**

- Clinical findings
  - Distinctive unilateral, vesicular rash allows accurate diagnosis in the majority of cases.<sup>1</sup>
  - In immunocompromised patients, zoster may be more severe, with cutaneous dissemination.<sup>2</sup>
- Laboratory confirmation—but only so/so
  - Tzanck smear<sup>3</sup>
  - Viral culture<sup>3</sup>
  - Direct immunofluorescence assay<sup>3</sup>
  - •Polymerase-chain reaction<sup>3</sup>

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#### **Zoster: Clinical Features**

- Usually limited to 1 or 2 adjacent, unilateral dermatomes.<sup>1</sup>
- "Grapelike" lesions clustered on an erythematous base?
- Lesions usually heal within 4 weeks.<sup>1</sup>



Courtesy of the American College of Physicians (www.acponline.org/shell-cgi/printhappy.pl/bioterro/smallpox\_mimics.htm).

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# **Zoster: Latency and Reactivation**

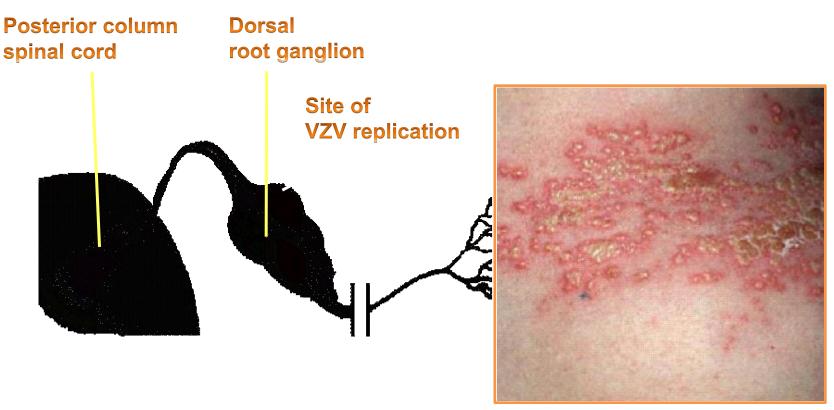


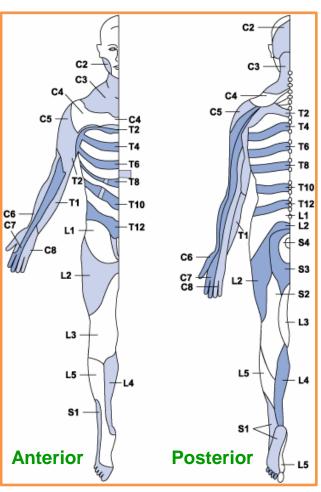
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#### **Zoster: Dermatomal Distribution**



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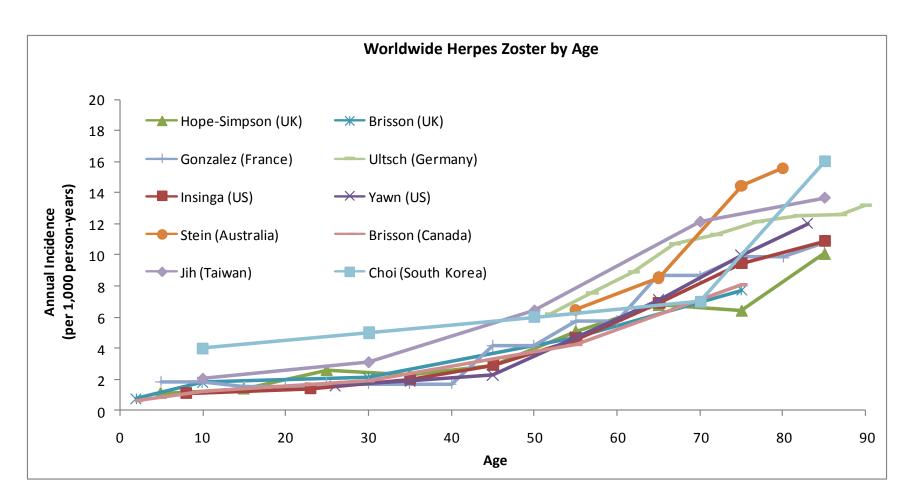


#### **VZV: Immune Response**

- Cell-mediated immunity (CMI) plays a major role.<sup>1</sup>
  - Clears virally infected cells
  - Limits viral replication at dermal sites
- Humoral immunity<sup>2</sup>
  - IgM, IgG, IgA are neutralizing antibodies.
- Immunity persists following disease.
  - Waning CMI with increasing age may contribute to reactivation of VZV as herpes zoster (shingles).<sup>3</sup>
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## Herpes Zoster by Worldwide Age<sup>1-9</sup>

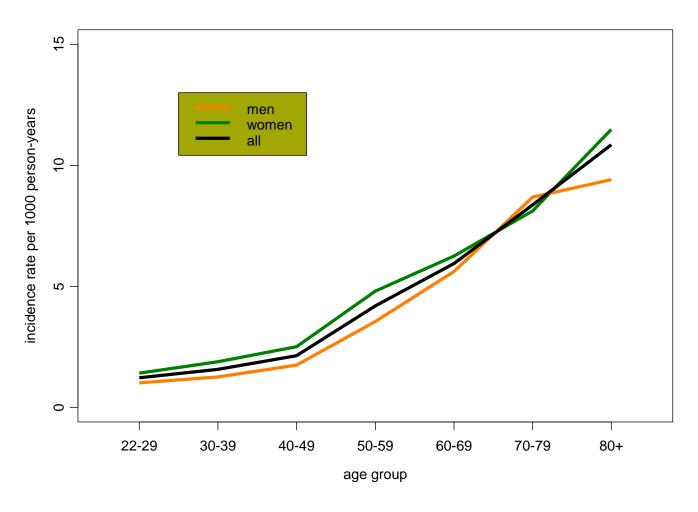


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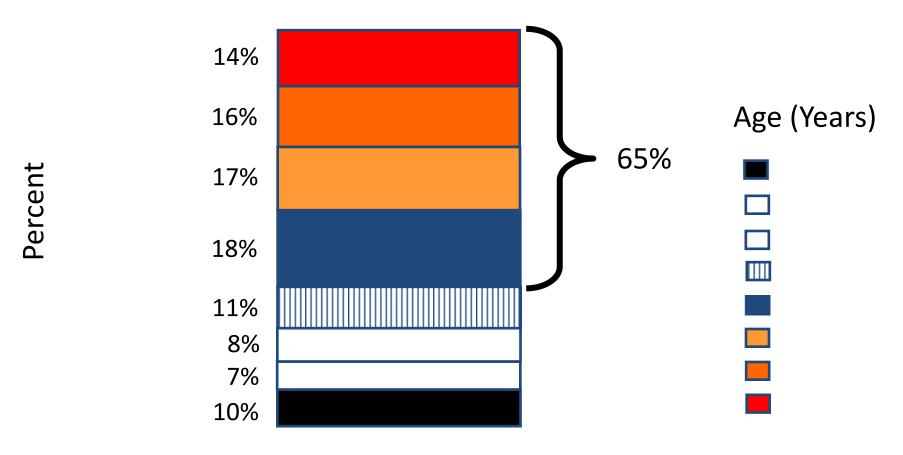
#### HZ Incidence by age group and sex



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#### Distribution of HZ Cases by Age

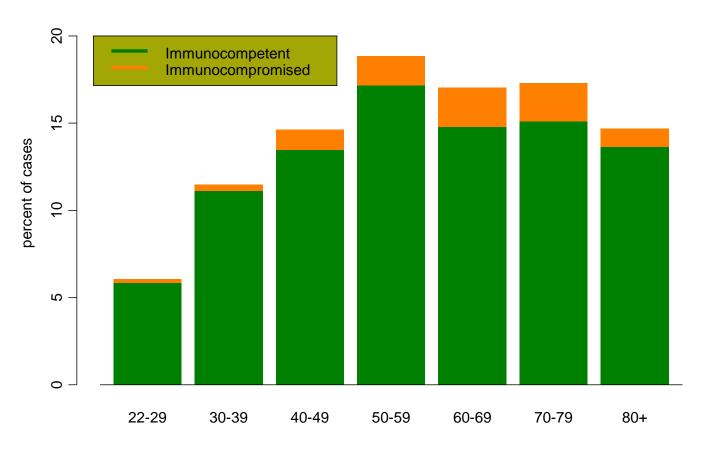


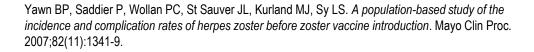
<sup>❖</sup> Preliminary data from Olmsted County, 2005.

The number of HZ cases was calculated by applying the Olmsted HZ incidence rates to the 2005 US population.



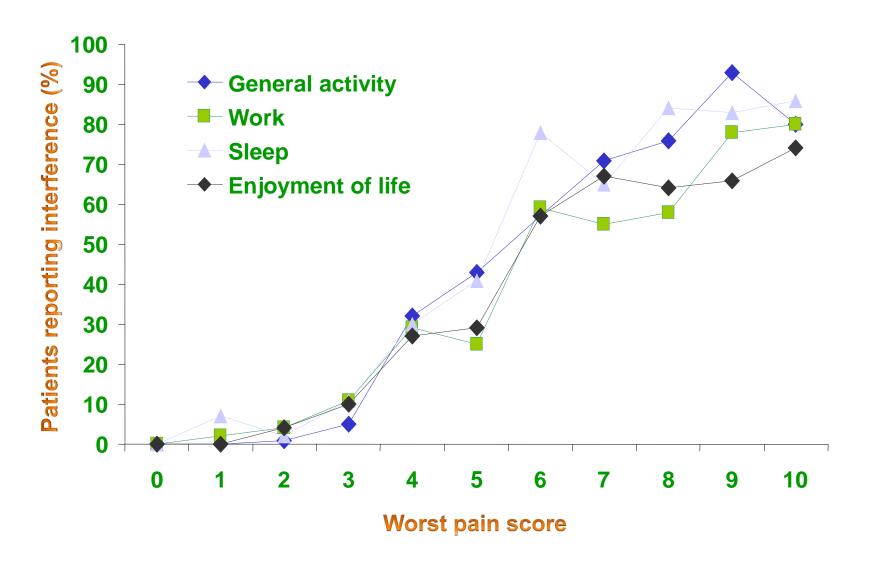
# Distribution of HZ cases by age and immune status





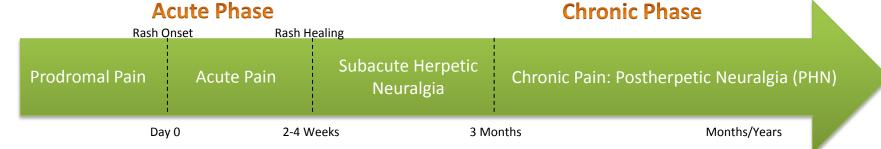


#### **Effect of Zoster on Activities of Daily Living**





#### **HZ Associated Pain**



- Prodromal pain mimics other conditions.
- Acute pain=lost work, play, sleep and prescription Rx
- PHN is a chronic neuropathic pain syndrome
- PHN can persist for months or years
- PHN occurs in 8%-30% of herpes zoster cases <sup>2-15</sup>
  - ■34%-73% in those over 70 yo <sup>2,4,6,8,10,12,13</sup>

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#### **Health Care Use for HZ**

- 30% of people with HZ make a visit for prodromal
- On average 3 ambulatory visits per HZ case
- 4% of HZ cases hospitalized
- > 70% of HZ cases receive antivirals
- Broad use of opiates, but also of antidepressants, anticonvulsants
  - HZ-related pain resistant to treatment
- Health care use due to HZ increases with age



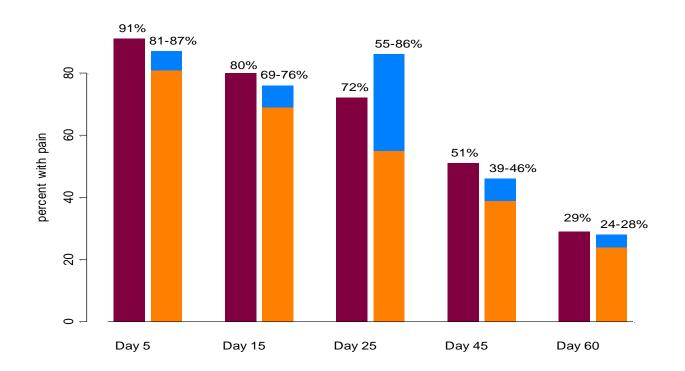
#### **Prodromal Phase of Zoster**

- Pain and paresthesia may precede the vesicular rash.¹
  - •Sensations range from itching to severe lancinating pain.<sup>1,2</sup>
  - •40% of patients experience pain >4 days before eruption.<sup>2</sup>
  - •Prodrome common in persons >60 years of age.1
  - •Pain may mimic other conditions <sup>1,3</sup>
- Constitutional symptoms<sup>2</sup>
  - Headache, malaise, fever
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## Therapy for acute HZ

#### Anti-viral therapy—little reduction in pain





## Therapy for acute HZ

#### **Pain Medications:**

OTC---modest effect

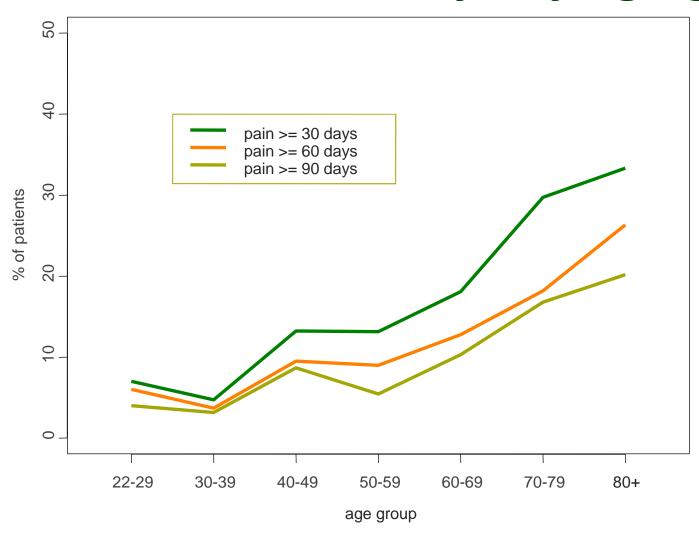
Opioids---side effects
constipation
loss of balance--falls
patient concerns

Antidepressants Neuroleptics

Often too little, too late



## Pain duration >90 days by age group

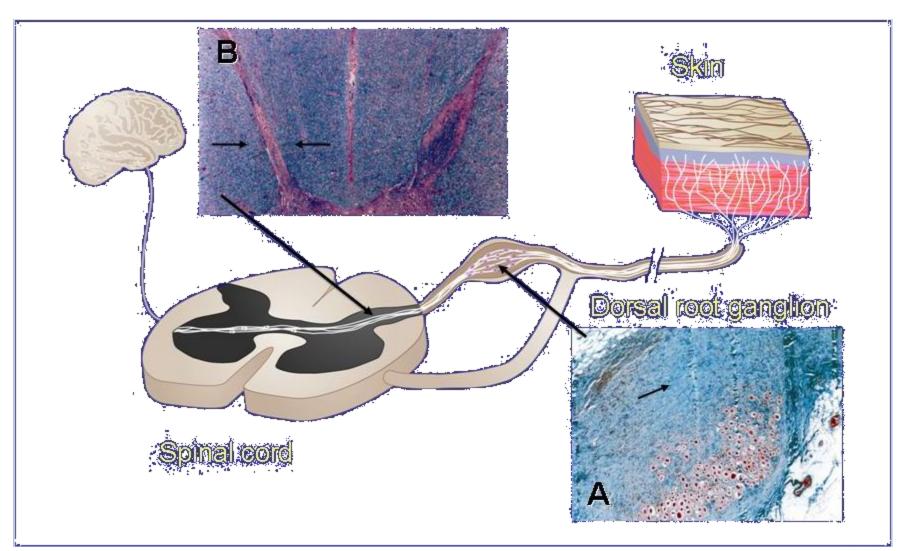


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# **Pathophysiology of PHN**



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# Postherpetic Neuralgia (PHN)

- ■PHN is a chronic neuropathic pain syndrome that persists or recurs in the dermatome affected by Zoster.¹
- ■Definitions of PHN vary, and have included<sup>2</sup>
  - Any pain persisting after healing of zoster lesions
  - Pain persisting 1 month after rash onset
  - Pain persisting 3 months after rash onset



# **Therapy for PHN**

- Pain medication
- Antidepressants
- Neuroleptics
- **■**TENS
- Injections
- Often limited relief and many adverse effects



# **Spectrum of Sensory Abnormalities in PHN**

- Spontaneous pain<sup>1</sup>
  - Continuous or paroxysmal
    - -Burning, stabbing, shooting
- Stimulus-evoked pain<sup>2</sup>
- Partial sensory deficit1
- Parasthesias/dysesthesias<sup>2</sup>
- Autonomic instability may occur<sup>1</sup>
  - •- Signs include sweating, erythema



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<sup>2.</sup> Dworkin RH. Clin J Pain. 2002;18:343-349.

#### Risk Factors for PHN<sup>1</sup>

- Older age
- More severe acute zoster pain
- Greater rash severity
- Greater sensory abnormalities during acute zoster
- Prodrome prior to zoster rash

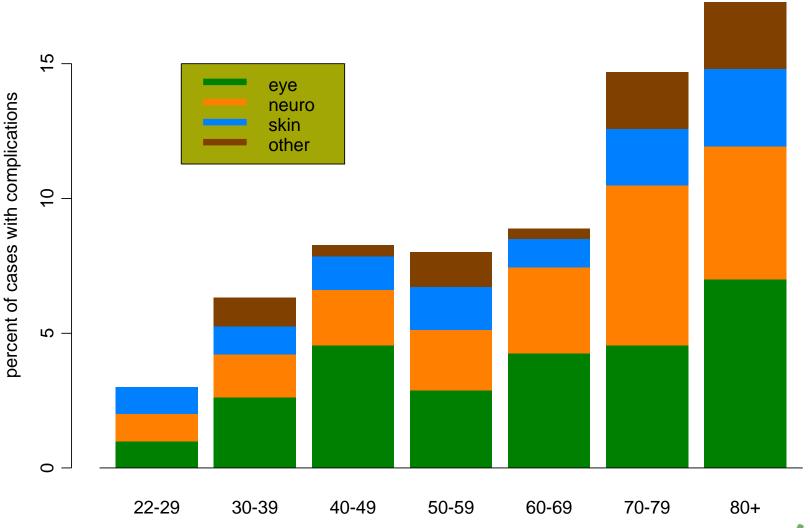


## Impact of PHN

- Clinical observations include<sup>1</sup>:
  - Depression and other psychological distress
  - Physical, occupational, and social impairments resulting from constant pain



# Non-pain Complication rates by age



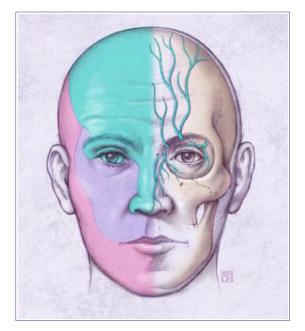
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# **Zoster Ophthalmicus**



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## **Scarring: Ophthalmic Zoster**





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#### Recurrences

- 1669 HZ cases: mean follow up 7.3 years
- 105 HZ recurrences in 95 individuals
  - 7 people had 2 recurrences and 1 had 4 (IC)
- The recurrence rates at 8 years were:
  - 7.2% (95% CI, 5.4-9.0) for women
  - 4.5% (95% CI, 2.8-6.2) for men
- 55% of the recurrences in the same site
- HZ recurrences noted 3 months to 10 years later
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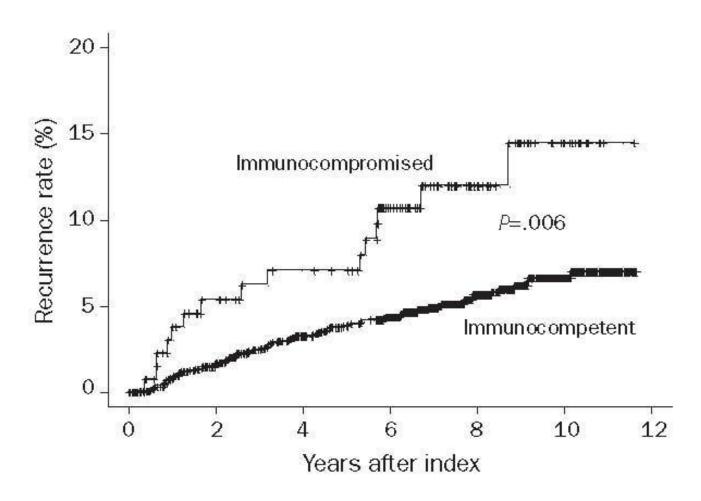


#### Risk factors for HZ recurrence

Factor	Multivariate Cox Regression Hazard ratio (95% CI) p-value
Age <50	0.42 (0.2, 0.8) p = 0.006
Sex (female)	1.45 (0.4, 1.1) p = 0.10
Immune-compromised	1.64 (0.9, 2.9) p = 0.09
Pain duration 30 days or more in the initial episode.	1.57 (0.9, 2.6) p = 0.08
Age>50 and Pain>=30 days (interaction)	5.81 (2.3,15.0) p = .0003

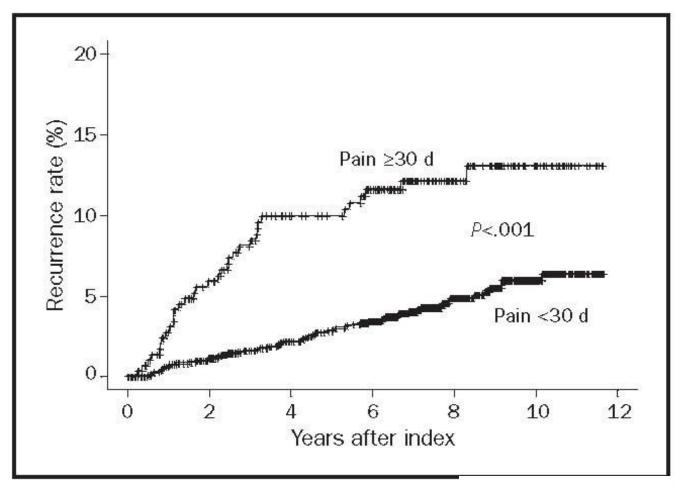


#### **HZ Recurrence Rate by Immune Status**





#### **HZ Recurrence Rate by Pain Status**





## **Clinical Summary:**

HZ is common and has a large disease burden 1 in 3 adults by age 80 Acute pain as well as PHN, eye and other issues

30% of people visit MD before the rash

Recurrence rates similar to occurrence rates

Complications can last days to a life time

Prevention is possible

Better at younger ages---start vaccine at 50

Decrease in risk of PHN goes beyond HZ prevention Breakthrough cases have less PHN



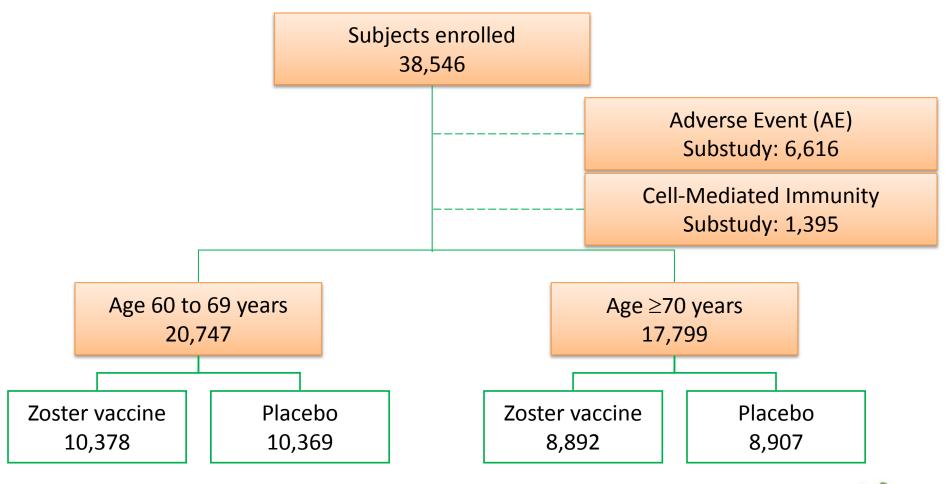
### **Zostavax for prevention:**

- Live attentuated
- Lypolized—frozen
- Must be reconstituted
- Short useable period after mixing

- Approved for use in non-immune compromised age 50 and older
- Single dose



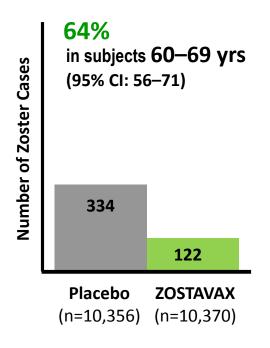
# Randomization of Subjects in the Shingles Prevention Study (SPS)

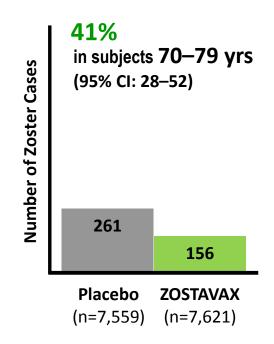


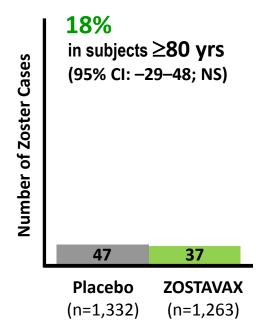


## SPS: Efficacy of ZOSTAVAX® on Herpes Zoster Incidence Compared With Placebo by Age Group

Vaccine efficacy for the prevention of herpes zoster was highest in those subjects
 60 to 69 years of age and declined with increasing age.

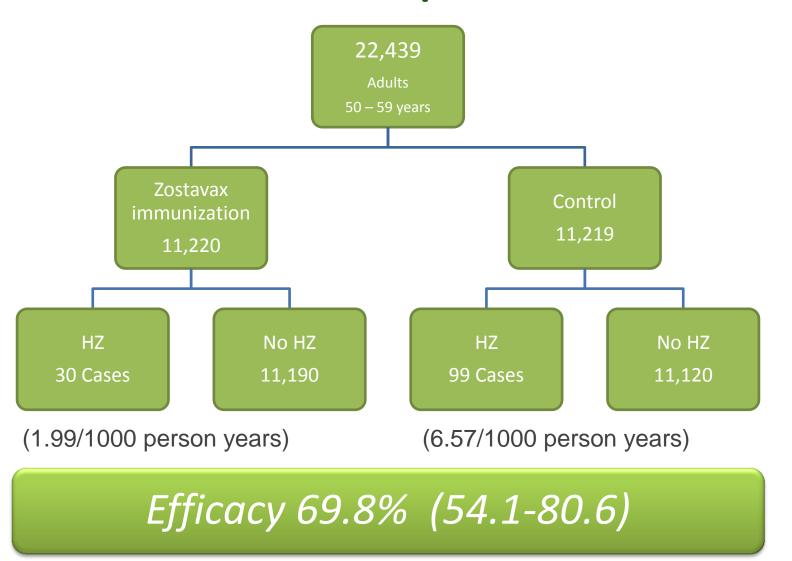








## **ZEST: Overall Efficacy of ZOSTAVAX® on Herpes Zoster Incidence Compared With Placebo**

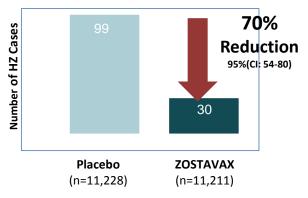




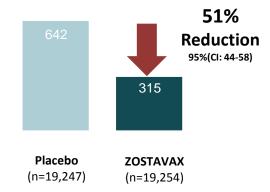
### Summary: ZOSTAVAX® is Highly Effective in Reducing the Incidence of Herpes Zoster and positive effects to Postherpetic Neuralgia

\* ZOSTAVAX is not indicated for prevention of PHN



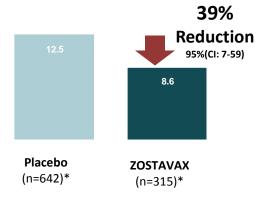


Overall Incidence of Herpes Zoster (HZ)
In patients ≥60 y.o.<sup>2</sup>



% of Zoster cases with PHN

Overall % of Zoster cases with Postherpetic Neuralgia (PHN) In patients who develop HZ postvaccination ≥60 y.o.



\* Number of Herpes zoster cases

#### ZOSTAVAX has demonstrated a favorable safety profile

The incidence of serious adverse events (SAEs) was comparable to placebo

Number of HZ

The most common adverse event is injection site reactions

#### ZOSTAVAX has demonstrated

a significantly higher varicella-zoster virus gpELISA antibody GMT at 6 weeks post-vaccination compared with placebo



### Injection-Site and Systemic Adverse Experiences

Reported by vaccine report card in ≥1% of adults who received ZOSTAVAX or placebo (0 to 42 days postvaccination) in the AE monitoring substudy of the Shingles Prevention Study

Adverse Experience	ZOSTAVAX®  [Zoster Vaccine Live (Oka/Merck)]	Placebo (n= 3,271) %
	(n = 3,345) %	
Erythema*	33.7	6.4
Pain/tenderness*	33.4	8.3
Swelling*	24.9	4.3
Hematoma	1.4	1.4
Pruritus	6.6	1.0
Warmth	1.5	0.3
Systemic		
Headache	1.4	0.8

<sup>\*</sup>Designates a solicited adverse experience. Injection-site adverse experiences were solicited only from Days 0–4 postvaccination.



### **Prevention Summary**

### Prevention is possible

Age 50 and older Immunocompotent

Future to bring killed vaccine Immunocompromised



### **How to Improve Vaccination Rates**

- Know the rules
- Establish protocols/standing orders
- Make strong recommendations
- If your office cannot vaccinate, refer
- Partner with pharmacists and pharmacies
- Partner with public health vaccinators
- Be captain of the immunization ship!

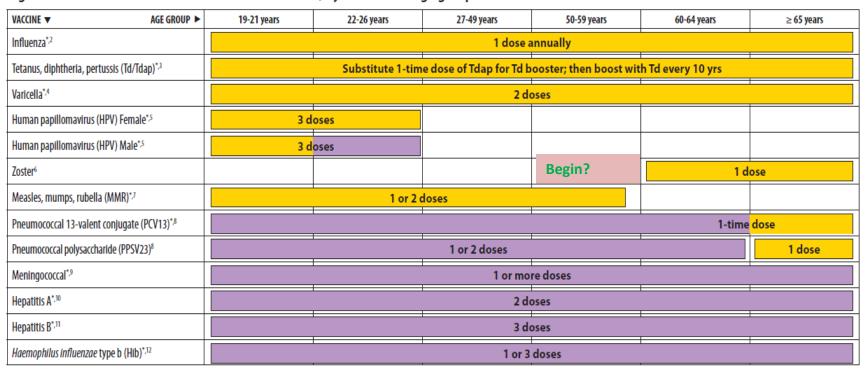


## Know The Rules: 2015 ACIP Adult Immunization Schedule

#### Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule—United States - 2015

Note: These recommendations must be read with the footnotes that follow containing number of doses, intervals between doses, and other important information.

Figure 1. Recommended adult immunization schedule, by vaccine and age group<sup>1</sup>



<sup>\*</sup>Covered by the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program



### Take an aggressive approach!

- Your recommendation is key
  - 88% of consumers said they were likely to get vaccinated if recommended by their doctor\*
- Standing orders are one of the most effective ways to increase vaccination
- Utilize EMR to your advantage
  - Use automatic reminders
  - Some can run the daily patient list for immunizations that are due; have staff administer on arrival
  - Use patient portal



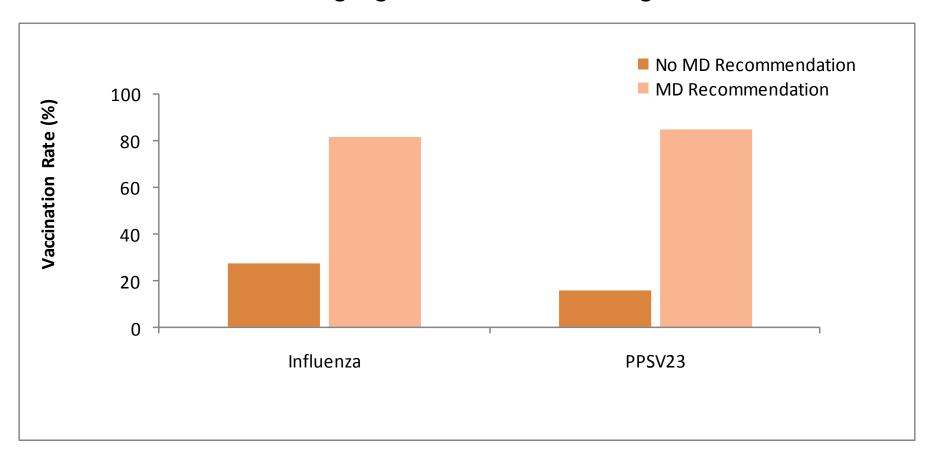
### **Protocols/Standing Orders**

- Delegate! Get your staff involved
  - Have them ask about vaccination status when doing vital signs or medication reconciliation
  - They can provide vaccine information to patient
  - Establish standing orders for automatic administration of all vaccines, not just flu
- Appoint an office champion to spearhead patient identification and vaccination efforts
- Free download of standing order forms at www.immunize.org/standing-orders



# Provider Recommendation Can Overcome Negative Attitude Among Patients

Vaccination Rates Among High Risk Patients With Negative Attitudes



MD, medical doctor.

Nichol KL, et al. J Gen Intern Med. 1996;11(11):673-677.



### If Your Office Cannot Vaccinate, Refer

- Know the rules.
- In Missouri, pharmacists can only provide vaccinations recommended by the ACIP



- HZ vaccine after age 60
- They have more hours of service than MD offices
- Primary reason for referral may be Medicare Part D
- Up to age 65 using private insurance—in office?
- Can they vaccinate below that age with prescription?
- What are the rules for public health vaccinators?



### **Barriers**

- "But I'm too busy"
  - What makes immunizing your patient less important than other disease issues or giving therapy for other conditions?
- "It's too costly to stock all these vaccines"
- "But its frozen"
- "But it has to be reconstituted"
- "But it expires in 60 minutes"



### **Barriers**

- Reimbursement for adult vaccines better than for pediatric ones
- Can bill \$30-\$96 above vaccine cost in addition to vaccine administration cost per vaccine
- Many companies will provide vaccines up to 90 days before payment is due—can bill for them by then!!
- Most companies will buy back outdated/damaged product or freezer failures



Not How important is it to me? But How important is it for patients? And How can I make it happen?

